

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

Doug Payton, 4B01  
Shamina Christian, 4B02  
Keenan Courtland, 4B03  
Vacant, 4B04  
Sophia Tekola, 4B05



Tiffani Nichole Johnson, 4B06  
Michael Cohen, 4B07  
Garrett Moore, 4B08  
Danielle Geong, 4B09  
Jinin Berry, 4B10

### May Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.

a. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Sophia Tekola who conducted roll call. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and in person at Takoma Recreation Center. Commissioners present also included, Commissioner Shamina Christian (4B02), Commissioner Keenan Courtland (4B03), Commissioner Sophia Tekola (4B05), Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson (4B06), Commissioner Michael Cohen (4B07), Commissioner Garrett Moore, (4B08), Commissioner Danielle Geong (4B09). Commissioner Jinin Berry (4B10) joined after roll and Commissioner Doug Payton (4B01) was not present.

b. Administrative Items

- Instructions for participation in virtual and in person meetings
  - Commissioner Tekola provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
- Consideration and approval of May 2025 Regular Public Meeting Agenda
  - Commissioner Tekola motion add approval to approve payment for hybrid meeting services to the Office of the ANC to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
  - Commissioner Tekola presented the April 2025 Regular Public Meeting Agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
- Approval of May 2025 Regular Public Meeting Minutes
  - Commissioner Tekola presented the May 2025 Regular Public Meeting Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Commissioner Cohen presented the current financial report with updates on transactions and grants.
  - Commissioner Cohen motioned reimburse 43.34 (Check 5728) for expenses related to Mailchimp in January, February, and March. The motion carried unanimously.
  - Commissioner Cohen motion to reprogram \$10,000 of the \$20,000 personnel budget with \$3000 for office supplies, \$1000 other expenses, and \$6000 for grants. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Courtland motion to add the Amended February Minutes to the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Commissioner Updates

- Commissioners provided updates regarding their Single Member Districts, including community resource availability, traffic safety improvements, community clean-ups, office hours, community safety concerns, community projects, and deadlines for city-wide services.

d. Community Concerns

Members of the community were provided the opportunity to present questions or statements.

e. Reports

- Yamileth Escobar, Ward 4 Manager Office of the Mayor Community Representatives
  - Ms. Escobar shared that the Mayor's Budget was released earlier today, May 27. The mayor promised \$100 million for the Housing Production Trust Fund taking total contributions for the past 10 years to \$1.4 billion, more than any jurisdiction in the United States. The mayor approved funding of 19.5 million for PRE-KEEP, to enhance expansion programs for students, educators, and staff. The mayor promised \$86 million for the DC Child Subsidized Care Program to support the cost of childcare for low-income families. The mayor provided \$70 for the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund which helps early childhood education facilities provided competitive rates to caregivers. The mayor proposed 1.8 million to the DOB Nuisance Abatement Fund to help address property maintenance and requested the support of the Council to help use the funding appropriately across the district. The mayor allotted \$244 thousand to DLCP vending enforcements. \$1.9 Million for the modernization of Bernard, LaSalle Bakus, and Whittier. \$36 million to modernize Shepard Library. Director Feeney mentioned potential funding for an Olympic sized heated pool at Carter Baron. Any questions can be answered at [budget.dc.gov](http://budget.dc.gov). Ms. Escobar noted that it is World Pride with the DC festival and parade slated for June 7 at 2pm starting at 14 and T streets. To learn more about street closures and activities, please text [WORLDPRIDEDC](https://www.worldpridedc.com) to 888-777.

- Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

No member of the Councilmember's team was unable to attend the meeting.

- Dr. T. Michelle Colson, Ward 4 State Board of Education

Dr. Colson was unable to attend this meeting.

- 4B Community Safety & Support Committee, Commissioner Johnson 4B06

No updates were provided during this meeting.

f. Presentations

- Skye Webster, RiverSmart Homes Environmental Protection Specialist - DC RiverSmart Program

g. Consent Calendar

- Approval of Payment for Hybrid Meeting Services for ANC 4B Public Meetings for April and May for 4,150.
- Approval of Amended February 2025 Meeting Minutes.

The measures on the consent calendar passed unanimously.

- h. RESOLUTION #4B-25-0501: Calling for the Enhancement of Security, Staffing, and Programming at the Lamond Recreation Center

The resolution passed with a vote of 6 yea and 1 abstention.

- i. RESOLUTION #4B-25-0502: Grant Award for Lamond Community Action Group

The resolution passed with a vote of 6 yea and 2 abstentions. A motion to amend the budget spend and reconciliation to \$1975 in total with no swag. The motion passed unanimously.

- j. RESOLUTION #4B-25-0503: In Support of a 2-Year Time Extension for BZA Order No. 20915

The resolution passed unanimously.

- k. Please check the Commission's website for additional information: **anc4b.com**

- l. Contact your Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner:

- Commissioner Doug Payton, 4B01@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Shamina Christian, 4B02@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Keenan Courtland, Secretary, 4B03@anc.dc.gov
- Vacant; 4B04 residents may contact any commissioner and cc: 4B04@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Sophia Tekola, Chair, 4B05@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson, Vice Chair, 4B06@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Michael Cohen, Treasurer, 4B07@anc.dc.gov
- Commissioner Garrett Moore, 4B08@anc.dc.gov
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- m. Adjournment

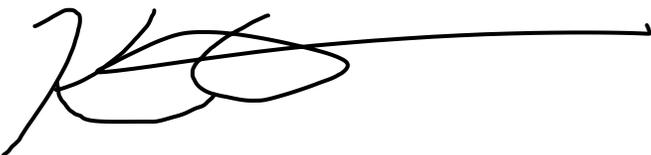
The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

The next ANC 4B Planning Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The next ANC 4B Regular Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The next ANC 4B Community Safety and Support Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keenan Courtland, ANC 4B03

Secretary, ANC 4B

7/10/2025